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SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, that's exactly what I'd like to have. I was called out in back so I would like to have an explanation of this because I think I know what it is but I want to find out for sure.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Very quickly, Senator Barnett. We discussed this just before closing hour last evening and of course, the original needs that the Omaha senators met with the two combined schools. When we merge them together so that they could have a more positive program and get the program off the ground so that we could be talking about the possibility of three different campuses and to use these monies to get these programs going. We originally asked for \$1,500,000 for the one year but this amendment of mine would cut that in half and make this for the 1974-75 year of \$750,000 and then for the next year 1975-76 the additional \$750,000.

SENATOR BARNETT: Now, do I understand this right. It's for the technical schools to buy buildings and land and property and things like this?

SENATOR MAHONEY: This is for the program that they are instituting between the two schools. This is for programs themselves. But that would be an entirely different amendment that would come for the land acquisition and the start of the one combined school. You see, now when you put our two schools together, the new board is going to be able to get this thing off the ground where in past years they never have. We have been assured by those people who are now administrating these two schools that they have come together with a positive program and need these funds in order to start the ball rolling. That they'll have a voc-tech program working in the greater urban area of Omaha and the four counties that are part of this metro combination.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, that's what I was going to ask. You see, I'm not against that part of it. I think you've got a good idea but I would also like to say that Lincoln is spread out all over the city and we'd like to do something in the same area. And I think that possibly this might be the place where I should do it although I won't hold up this bill but I would hope that if we could support it, you could possibly help us if we could bring it back to put the same thing in. Because I think you have a very good idea and I'd like to support it on this basis that Lincoln can get the same thing. I think you'd be complimented on what you're trying to do.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Barnett, I haven't seen your program but after I would probably see it, I would probably be in agreement.

SENATOR BARNETT: We're spread from one end of the city even outside the city and everywhere else here for this....

SENATOR MAHONEY: Fine. I'm not arguing that point, probably you need it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: No response.

PRESIDENT: I understand, Senator Marvel, that the suggested Mahoney amendment is now a part of the Cavanaugh amendment.